



Timely Tidbits ...

Just a Reminder ...

The annual Romulus Parade of Lights and Pumpkin Festival will take place the weekend of Friday, September 14, through Sunday, September 16. For a schedule of events, see page 4.

Waterfowl Fest & Duck Hunt Tourney

The 60th annual Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival and Michigan Duck Hunters Tournament will be held at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Brownstown the weekend of September 15–16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlights will include waterfowl workshops, a decoy-carving contest & auction, a retriever-training seminar, duck- & goose-calling tournaments, a trading post, kids' games, and much more.

For a schedule of events, as well as directions to the site, visit www.miwaterfowlfest.org.

Adult Culinary Training Program

Learn from the best! Master chef Chuck Usztics Jr., MS, CHE, is offering these classes from 6 to 9 p.m. at Romulus High School:

- September 26: sanitation, cutting boards, knives (types of cuts), and vegetable prep
- October 3: breakfast (eggs, batters)
- October 10: desserts (cupcakes, cake-making, frosting)
- October 17: soups
- November 7: sauces
- November 14: sautéing (stir fry, pasta prima vera)
- November 28: pasta/Italian
- December 5: students' choice

Cost is \$40 for one class or \$300 for all eight. Preregister by the Monday before class. For more information, call 734-941-8665.

Recreation Programs

In many communities, the arrival of September heralds a host of fall recreation programs. To see our list of some of the most popular in Brownstown, Romulus, and Taylor, check out pages 8 and 9. □

Green Acclaimed "Woman of Distinction"

Congratulations to 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, who was recently honored as a "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

The public is invited to a recognition luncheon to be held in her honor on Thursday, September 27, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 734-971-8800.

Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce president Oscar H. "JR" Rhoton Jr. – who is also a member of the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council – was happy to see Green receive the award.

"To be selected," said Rhoton, "a person must set a positive, active presence in her community beyond her professional position, and exhibit, through her career and/or volunteerism, a philosophy that parallels the Girl Scouts purpose of promoting leadership, responsibility, and decision-making skills."

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34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green (center) was presented with a bouquet for being voted a "Woman of Distinction" by the Huron Valley Girl Scouts Council. Making the presentation were Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council member Oscar "JR" Rhoton, Jr., and president Bonnie Carre.

Priebe Is First Wayne County Mayor To Sign Commitment To Combat Global Warming

Taylor Mayor Cameron G. Priebe was the first mayor in Wayne County to sign the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which commits the city to taking deliberate action to combat global warming.

Members of the Taylor City Council showed their unanimous support of the measure during their August 21 meeting.

The action adds Taylor to a list of more than 600 cities nationwide, representing more than 50 million Americans, whose mayors have signed the historic agreement.

"We are undertaking this initiative to do what we can to reduce the harmful effects of global warming," Mayor Priebe said. "Our community is ours to protect so that we can ensure a better future for our children and grandchildren."

The City of Taylor has already undertaken actions to reduce the energy consumption and greenhouse gas "footprint" of the city's operation. They include:

- policies to reduce sprawl through the use of brownfield redevelopment and land conservancy tools.
- sidewalk paving/repaving programs to improve community walkability.

- ongoing discussions for the establishment of wind farms.
- the use of compact fluorescent lighting and the dialing down of thermostats to improve efficiency of City buildings.
- a reduction in the number of fleet vehicles and programs, in conjunction with a fleet that utilizes hydrogen, natural gas, and bio-fuels. At the current level, 41% of Taylor's vehicle fleet consists of alternative fuel vehicles, resulting in the elimination of more than 25,000 pounds of air pollution each year.
- the institution of recycling centers throughout the city for residents' use.
- the planting of more than a thousand trees in the past two years to maintain and expand the urban forest.
- the preservation of natural wetlands at both Taylor golf courses, and the reuse of captured storm water in golf course irrigation.
- the Taylor Hills Compost Facility, which annually produces more than 20,000 cubic yards of high-quality compost that is made available to local residents and businesses.

- an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, which has been held for 10 consecutive years. The event is sponsored by the City of Taylor for residents and other participating communities.

With the signing of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, Taylor will initiate the various levels of activity aimed not only at further reducing its own carbon emissions, but also at helping the at-large community do its part at the household and neighborhood level.

The Sierra Club "Cool Cities" Campaign is assisting the City in these efforts.

"We are very impressed at the achievements of the City of Taylor in taking the lead in Wayne County to committing to this agreement and helping to reduce global warming," said Ed McArdle, the conservation chair of the Sierra Club of Southeast Michigan. "The Mayor and a very competent City staff have worked very hard to make the city more energy efficient, which helps to improve the environment and save taxpayer dollars." □

Airport's "Laptop Pitstop" Gives Power to the People

Customers Get a Charge Out of New Service

Air travelers sometimes feel powerless at airports – or, at least, their cell phones and laptops do when they're running low on juice. Power to charge up travelers' rapidly multiplying electronic devices is available at those elusive electric outlets ... but where are they?

Airport management at Detroit Metropolitan Airport is providing a creative solution in the Smith Terminal by offering Laptop Pitstop charging stations at no cost. The airport is rewiring and converting unused phone banks into charging stations. Each area has a seat, a shelf, and four electric outlets. That's power! And, each station has a clearly visible Laptop Pitstop sign to let Motor City air travelers know where to rev up their batteries.

"Previously, the best way to find an electric outlet was to creep along behind the custodian with the vacuum cleaner," said Airport Authority CEO

Lester Robinson. "You know they are headed for a wall outlet.

"Today, all you need to do is look for the Laptop Pitstop charging station sign," he continued. "It's much more dignified."

The prototype Laptop Pitstop charging station was commissioned at the Smith Terminal near Spirit gates C-7, C-9, & C-11, within hearing range of the boarding announcements. Another station is located near the Smith Terminal restrooms on the main level behind the check-in counters. Phone-bank-to-charging-station conversions are also appearing on Concourses A & B.

The idea of the prototype, according to Robinson, was to determine if passengers would find the charging stations to be a customer convenience. Experiment over. Amped-up customers found them immediately, he said.

The Airport has not, however, devised a solution for the *second* biggest problem passengers face when traveling with electronics: those annoying calls and e-mails from the boss. □

Green is "Woman of Distinction"

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"I am so proud to announce that our own Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green has been selected this year!" he added.

One look at Green's impressive résumé – both professional and personal – makes it easy to see why Rhoton is so impressed with her contributions to her community.

Currently in her third term on the 34th District Court bench, Green has previous experience as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor and an Assistant Attorney General under Michigan AG Frank Kelley, among other positions. In her current office, she has been an integral part of the 34th District Court's innovative community programs, including its work program and "Sobriety

Court," which she implemented in January 2005 for substance-abuse offenders. Sobriety Court is an intensive probationary period that requires participants to seek treatment for their addictions and submit to close monitoring by Green and the Sobriety Court team. This intensive intervention, she believes, promotes sobriety and enables participants to reestablish a sober lifestyle.

In her personal time, she is involved with the St. John's Parent Association, the Cub Scouts, the Huron Applefest, Sumpterfest, Belleville's Strawberry Fest, and DARE, among other groups.

The 34th District Court serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus and the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren. □

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Dingell Addresses Medical Professionals on CHIP Funding

Congressman John D. Dingell (D-MI15) recently told a group of medical professionals from Dearborn's Oakwood Healthcare Center that thousands of children would be denied health care if President Bush vetoes new funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

"Despite the program's success, and the fact that nine million of our children are currently uninsured, the Bush Administration is actively working to remove State flexibility to provide health coverage for our kids," Dingell said. "It's a shame that, instead of working with Congress to protect CHIP, the White House is issuing veto threats, taking actions to make it more difficult to protect children in working families, and putting kids at risk of losing access to health insurance."

Before an audience of 100 doctors, nurses and administrators, the Congressman spoke at length about two legislative items that he deemed critical: The Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act and the Medicare for All Act.

The CHAMP Act, which passed through the House of Representatives in July, commits \$50 billion to reauthorize and improve CHIP. The bill pro-

vides health care to more than 11 million children – six million who are currently covered by CHIP and five million who are eligible, but not enrolled in the program. The Medicare for All Act would make Medicare available to everyone.

"Those folks on the front lines know the burdens the uninsured place on hospitals and the entire health care system," Dingell said. "The current system we have is unsustainable – both because of the cost and the millions of people who fall through the cracks. The sad thing is, doctors and hospitals are caught in the middle of the forces driving this debate. We need to come up with a system that works for the people trying to save lives, and makes their work easier, not harder."

"If comprehensive health care coverage is available to all Americans, better preventative services and earlier treatments will be received, lowering health care costs," Dingell said about the bill. "All Americans will reap the economic benefits of a healthier nation, from a stronger economy to lower health insurance expenses."

The Congressman also praised the hospital and its various employees for their work serving Dearborn and surrounding communities. □

Ground Broken, Work Begun on Romulus "Habitat" House



(From left) "Habitat for Humanities" executive director Alice Dent joined Mark Gurney (Northwest Airlines), Michael Sage (president, Habitat for Humanity–Western Wayne County), Ed Sponseller (GM Livonia and Habitat Board of Directors member), Shenita Jenkins (new homeowner), Romulus City Councilman Harry Crout, Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert, Rick Sutton (plant manager, GM Powertrain–Romulus), and Robert Crumley (chairperson, UAW 163 Powertrain) at the groundbreaking for Jenkins's new home on Lisa Street in Romulus.

Each year, a senior citizen or other deserving person receives thousands of dollars in improvements to his or her home – and isn't charged a cent for the work. That work is generously performed by members of the Western Wayne Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association, who put aside their regularly scheduled jobs for one weekend a year to volunteer their services – often in the Downriver area.

The last two years, members made improvements to homes in Taylor. This year, they've selected a "Habitat for Humanities" home under construction on Lisa Street in Romulus. Habitat for Humanities – a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization – broke ground at the site last month. Local dignitaries who attended the event included Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Councilman Harry Crout.

The Western Wayne Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association members will begin their work on Saturday, September 8, at 8 a.m.

Charley Johnson, owner of Alert Plumbing in Taylor and president of the association, said the group will install all new plumbing in the brand-new house.

"Habitat for Humanity did a presentation at our association meeting," said Johnson. "One of our members, John Meade, has been doing work for Habitat for awhile, and thought it would be a great project for our association. It was really a no-brainer."

The job will take "all day," Johnson said. This year, 10 to 15 plumbers are expected to participate, representing 8 to 10 companies.

"It's just fun to give back," he said. "I

make a decent living, and that's what you're supposed to do in life. It's nice to see the look on the people's faces. It's just fun to do."

The association was founded in 1953. Contractors – many of whom compete against each other on a daily basis – now gather on a regular basis in an ongoing effort to improve the industry in which they are involved.

The association's day-long community event is known as Richter Day, named after Fred Richter, a member of the association who started a goodwill day in the 1960s. When Richter died, the day was renamed in his honor.

"All of the members are all about giving back," Johnson said. "We're all about family and giving back. That's why we all get along so well. It's why competitors can give up a day's profits and work side by side."

"It's kind of cool." □

St. John's Youth Day Program Brings School Supplies to Area Youths



St. John's Lodge #44 held its annual Youth Day program at the Thomas A. Coleman Center on Saturday, August 25. Highlights of the event included the donation of school supplies to participating youngsters and free dental checkups, as well as contests and refreshments. Among those on hand was Romulus City Councilman and Wayne County Executive Assistant John Barden (second from left), who presented backpacks donated by Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano to (from left): Jeffrey Chandler (Worshipful Master of St. John's #44 PHA), Alonzo Greer (Senior Warden), Malcolm Williams (Junior Deacon), Paul Brown (Worshipful District Deputy Grand Lecturer, District #3 MWPB Grand Lodge), and Harry Anderson (Junior Warden).



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- 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. White Elephant Sale at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Neville & Ozga)
- 4:00 p.m. Deadline for bringing canning, baking, pumpkin-growing, and sunflower-growing contest entries to Recreation Building (Shook & Bibbins)
- 5:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. Bingo at the Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 6:00 p.m. "The Mayor's Band"
- 8:00 p.m. Parade of Lights (Goddard from Wayne to Five Points)
- 8:00 p.m.–close "Trilogy"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

- 10:00 a.m. Three-on-Three Basketball (Five Points)
- 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. White Elephant Sale at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Neville & Ozga)
- 11:00 a.m. Roller Hockey Tournament at Elmer Johnson Park (Ozga between Tyler & McBride)
- 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Cruisin' Car Show (Goddard & Hunt)
- 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Chicken Dinner at Progressive Hall (Five Points)
- 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Used-book Sale (Goddard & Olive)
- 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m. Teen Tent (Shook & Bibbins)
- 12:00 p.m. "Country Jays"
- 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. "Golden Griffon Stringtet" at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Historical Park buildings open for tours; various exhibits featured (Goddard & Hunt)
- 12:30 p.m. Contest winners announced in the Hospitality Tent
- 12:30 p.m. Pumpkin-rolling Contest at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 1:00 p.m. First Annual Chili Cook-off (Goddard & Olive)
- 1:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m. Bingo at the Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 1:30 p.m. Sack Races at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Mohawk Native American storyteller Judi Ball at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 2:30 p.m. Treasure Hunt at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 3:00 p.m. "Loose Dogs Bite"
- 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. "Fiddlers ReStrung" at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner at Community United Methodist Church (Olive & Bibbins)
- 4:30 p.m. "Shirley Franklin & the Delta Drive Blues Band"
- 6:00 p.m. "Groove Essential"
- 7:30 p.m. "Straight Ahead"
- 9:00 p.m.–close "Channel Six"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

- 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. First Annual Tractor & Lawn Tractor Show at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. White Elephant Sale at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Neville & Ozga)
- 12:00 p.m. "Camaro Brothers"
- 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Steak Dinner at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Neville & Ozga)
- 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Historical Park buildings open for tours; various exhibits featured (Goddard & Hunt)
- 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Used-book Sale (Goddard & Olive)
- 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Teen Tent (Shook & Bibbins)
- 12:30 p.m. Giant Airplane Races at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Bingo at the Senior Center (Bibbins & Shook)
- 1:30 p.m. Marshmallow Races at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 2:30 p.m. Pie-eating Contest at Historical Park (Goddard & Hunt)
- 3:00 p.m. "Second Wind"
- 4:30 p.m. "Waco"

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Local Credit Union Thanked for Helping a Young Friend



Lucas Monte presented a thank-you card to Public Service Credit Union CEO Dean Trudeau and PSCU employees for their generous support. (The stuffed dog in the picture was a gift to Lucas from his PSCU family.)

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Public Service Credit Union was happy to welcome a special visitor to its main office in Romulus on Friday, August 4.

Lucas Monte, a four-year old child who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, came in to give his personal thanks to the employees of PSCU for helping to raise money for his family during the time of his treatments.

During the month of June, PSCU employees agreed to dress casually every Friday and donate \$5 to the Lucas Monte Cancer Fund. Many employees gave more than the minimum every week, and even extended their fund-raiser into July.

PSCU CEO Dean Trudeau was very proud to present the Monte family a check in the amount of \$579 on behalf of the employees of Public Service Credit Union.

"When one of our members is hurting, we all feel the pain and want to do whatever we can to help," said Trudeau. "At PSCU, our members are more like

family, and our employees want to reach out and do what they can as they would for any member of their own family."

Lucas and his mom, Jill Monte, came in on August 4 to present the CEO and all the staff with a special thank you "card": a drawing that Lucas made himself.

"It was a very special gesture that will be hung up in the employee lounge to let everyone know how just a few dollars out of their own pockets made such a big difference to a child," Trudeau said.

Donations for Lucas are still being accepted at: Lucas Monte Cancer Fund c/o Public Service Credit Union, 7665 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Donations can also be dropped off at any of the five PSCU branches. For locations, visit www.PSCUnow.com.

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Community Calendar

- **Texas Hold 'Em** – The Romulus Progressive Club and the Romulus Police Department will hold their first annual Pumpkin Festival Texas Hold 'Em tournament at Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga) on Saturday, September 15. Doors will open at 5 p.m.; play will begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$60 to participate. Winner will take home \$500 and a bracelet; the last seven players will receive a cash payout. (All monetary prizes are based on a minimum of 60 entries.) For more information, call 734-941-3044.
- **Bingo Benefits Animal Shelter** – For the fifth consecutive year, Pumpkin Festival "Bingo!" will benefit the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. Councilman Bill Wadsworth, who has made the drive for a new shelter his "pet project," says that the Bingo! will be played in the Romulus Senior Center (corner of Bibbins and Shook in downtown Romulus) on Friday, September 14, from 5 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, September 15, from 1 p.m. to midnight; and Sunday, September 16, from 1 to 7 p.m. For further information, or to volunteer, contact Wadsworth at 734-941-0616 or Joe Ozog at 941-3466.
- **Pumpkin Fest To Feature Family Fun Nights** – Special events to be held at the Romulus Senior Center the week of the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival will include: **Bunco Night** (Monday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.; \$5 admission covers refreshments and prizes; proceeds will benefit the Romulus Historical Society), **Euchre Night** (Tuesday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m.; \$8 admission includes chance for prizes; refreshments will be available; proceeds will benefit the Romulus Animal Shelter), and **Family Fun Night** (Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m.; \$2 admission includes a hot dog, chips, and beverage; additional refreshments and games will be available; children *must* be accompanied by an adult; proceeds will benefit the Romulus Historical Society). For more information, call the Pumpkin Festival Hotline at 734-955-4577. Volunteers are also needed for all events. To learn more, contact Rosalie Berlinn at 734-941-4304.
- **Auditions for Alice in Wonderland** – The Taylor Youth Theatre is inviting youngsters ages 6 to 13 to audition for *Alice in Wonderland*. Auditions will be held at the Taylor Community Center in Heritage Park on Sunday, September 16, from 3 to 7 p.m., and on Monday, September 17, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Audition kits (\$2) are available at the Taylor Recreation Center. If cast, cost is \$55 for residents; \$60 for nonresidents. Performance dates are set for February 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10, 2008. For more information, please call 734-374-3906.
- **Memorial Golf Invitational Benefits McGrane's Son** – The 2nd annual Matt McGrane Memorial 5-iron Golf Invitational will be held at the Woodlands of Van Buren (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne) on Saturday, September 22, beginning at 8 a.m. The 18-hole shotgun-format tournament – open to ages 16 and up – will be played in four-person teams. An entry fee of \$65 per player includes a cart, use of the driving range beforehand, and a meal afterward. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will be available for \$1 each. Registrations (limit: 120) will be accepted on a first-come/first-served basis. No applications will be accepted after September 7. For more information, contact Jesse McGrane (734-942-1244), LeRoy Burcroff (734-467-8058), or Paul Filek (734-941-0787).
- **Events at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village** – To find out more about these upcoming events at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, call 313-982-6001 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org: **Old Car Festival** (September 8–9, Greenfield Village), **Fall Season Farmers Market** (September 29 and October 6, Greenfield Village), **Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village** (October 12–14, 19–21, and 26–28), **Best of Friends: R. Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi Exhibit** (November 3–January 15, Henry Ford Museum), and **Greenfield Village Holiday Homes Tour** (November 23–25, November 30–December 2, and December 7–9, 14–16, 21–23, and 28–30).
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Books planned for upcoming discussions include *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides (September 10). Call 734-942-7589.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; e-mail it to thelittlepaper@comcast.net; or FAX it to 734-992-2052.

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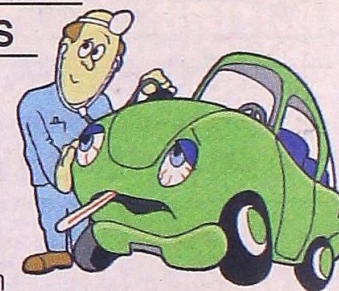
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Crafter/Vendor Tables Available for Pumpkin Festival

The Romulus Senior Center is inviting crafters and vendors to come to the Center to sell their wares during the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. Cost for the three-day period (September 14-16) is just \$25. For more information, or to register, call the Center.

Breakfast Benefits Boy Scouts

What's the best way to prepare yourself for a long day of Pumpkin Fest fun? Start off with a hearty breakfast that's good for you ... and your community!

Local Boy Scouts will be hosting a pancake breakfast fund-raiser at the Romulus Senior Center on Saturday, September 15, from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, including suggested donations, call the Center.

Shopping Trips

Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van, free of charge, for shopping at Meijer/Southland on Monday, September 10, at Wal-Mart/Kroger on Monday, September 17; and/or at Kmart on Monday, September 24. (All trips depart at 9:30 a.m.) Seating is limited; advance registration is required.

Lunch Out

The Senior Center van will be traveling to the Country Buffet in Taylor on Friday, September 21. Sign up at the Center if you would like to attend.

Jewelry Class

Maria Lambert makes creating beautiful jewelry both fun and easy in this one-afternoon class, to be held at the Center at noon on Wednesday, September 12. A \$10 cost covers materials.

Regular Programs

Be sure to check out these free or low-cost weekly programs that are offered at the Romulus Senior Center:

- Bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
 - Bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
 - Fun Night (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
 - Game Day (Thursdays, 1 p.m.).
- Everyone is welcome!

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, September 17, beginning at 10 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this discount-rate program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointments.

Check Your Blood Pressure!

Stop in at the Center at noon on Wednesday, September 12, for a free blood-pressure check.

Hot Lunches

Too hot to cook? Don't forget that the Romulus Senior Center serves a hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. each weekday for a suggested donation of only \$2.25.

Call at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation.

Taylor

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Greektown Casino

The Taylor Senior Center van will travel to Greektown Casino at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 20. A cost of just \$5 covers a \$15 voucher that can be used for food or money. This trip is sure to fill up fast, so sign up soon!

Stoney Creek Apple Orchard

Enjoy a wagon ride out to the orchard to pick your own bag of apples, then relax with cider and donuts when Taylor Senior Center denizens travel to Romeo's Stoney Creek Apple Orchard on Friday, September 21. Cost for the trip is \$8 plus the cost of lunch. Sign up at the Center.

Monthly Birthday Bash

Were you born in September? Let the Taylor Senior Center help you celebrate with its monthly birthday bash, which is usually held from 1 to 3 p.m. on the last Thursday of each Month. (Next date: September 27.) Call for more info.

Halloween Party

Musical entertainment and a catered meal will highlight the Taylor Center's upcoming Halloween Party, set for Thursday, October 25, from 2 to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Sign up at the Center.

Brownstown

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Formal Ball Planned

Brownstown's senior program will host a formal ball on September 12. Highlights of the event will include a five-course meal, live entertainment, and prizes. Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited, so sign up soon!

Senior Chore Program

The Senior Chore Program assists low- to moderate-income seniors with home chores and minor routine home maintenance projects so that they can continue to live in their own homes.

To be eligible, a person must be a Brownstown resident, age 62 or above, who has owned and lived in his/her home for at least 12 months, and who has an income at or below \$24,450 (one-person household) or \$27,450 (two-person household).

Check Out the Web!

Seniors can peruse Brownstown's monthly newsletter, plus access a wide variety of information helpful to Brownstown residents, by visiting the township's Web site: www.brownstown-mi.org.

Recreation Programs

For more information about these programs, contact the appropriate rec center. (Schedules subject to change.)

Romulus

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Adult Ballroom Dancing

Come with or without a partner to this cabaret-style dance class, which is open to ages 16 and up. Classes will meet from September 17 to May 26 according to the following schedule:

- beginners: 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays at Halecreek Elementary
- beginners: 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Romulus Middle School
- intermediate: 8 to 9 p.m. Mondays at Halecreek Elementary
- intermediate: 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Romulus Middle School

Cost is \$8 (cash) per class. No preregistration is required.

Adult Jazzercise

All fitness levels are welcome to sign up for the Recreation Department's jazzercise program, to be held at the Romulus Senior Center from 6 to 7 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday beginning September 17.

Cost is \$36 per month or \$10 per class. Call the Center for more info.

Adult Open Basketball

Romulus residents *only* (proof of residency required) are invited to take part in this drop-in basketball program for ages 18 and up, to be held at Romulus Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday between September 18 and December 18.

Cost is \$2 (cash) per night. No preregistration is required.

Karate

Learn self-defense and promote fitness in this karate class, open to ages 6 and up.

Classes will meet at Barth Elementary each Monday and Wednesday from September 24 through November 14 according to the following schedule:

- children: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- adults: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$45 for one student, plus \$10 for each additional family member. Preregistration required.

Tang Soo Do

This strictly martial arts class, featuring a traditional versus Olympic style, teaches self-defense techniques, grappling techniques, and hand-to-hand combat. Classes (open to boys and girls ages 3 to adult) will meet at the Recreation Center from 4 to 5 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday between September 20 and October 25.

Cost is \$35 for one person, \$65 for two immediate family members, or \$100 for three family members. Preregistration (by September 15) is required.

Teen Open Basketball

Romulus residents *only* (proof of residency required) are invited to take part in this drop-in basketball program for ages 13 to 17, to be held at Romulus Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday between September 17 and December 17.

Cost is \$2 (cash) per night. No preregistration is required.

Intermediate/Advanced Tennis

Tennis players of intermediate to advanced ability can hone their skills in this class, to be held at Romulus High School each Tuesday and Thursday between September 18 and October 25 according to the following schedule:

- intermediate: 5 to 6 p.m.
- advanced: 6 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per person. Preregistration (by September 17) is required.

After-school Soccer

Students in grades 3-6 can sign up for this after-school soccer league, which will run from September 17 through November 8. Recreation staff will choose teams based on participants' grade. Practices will be held at Barth Elementary each Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.; games will start at 6 p.m. *No transportation is provided.*

A cost of \$35 per participant includes a T-shirt and a medal. Preregistration (by September 13) is required.

Cheer America

Boys and girls ages 4 to 15 will learn choreographed pom-pom and dance routines as well as the most popular moves required for school tryouts.

Classes will be held at Halecreek Elementary from 5 to 9 p.m. each Thursday between September 20 and January 17.

Cost is \$7 (cash) per class plus a onetime, nonrefundable registration fee of \$7. Preregistration is not required.

Tumblebunnies Gymnastics

Boys and girls ages 3 to 12 will use equipment like trampolines, beams, bars, etc., in the Tumblebunnies gymnastics class, to be held at the Recreation Center each Monday from September 17 to October 29 according to the following schedule:

- age 2 (parents and tots): 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to 12: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost is \$60 per child. Preregistration (by September 14) is required.

Hip Hop Dance (Cheer America)

Children ages 4 to 15 will enhance their physical fitness, coordination, poise, and creativity while learning basic dance skills and jazz/hip hop moves.

Classes will be held at Romulus Elementary sometime between 5 and 9 p.m. each Tuesday from September 18 through January 15; class times will be assigned on registration night (September 18).

Cost is \$7 per class plus a onetime, nonrefundable registration fee of \$7.

Beginning Ballet

Boys and girls ages 5 and up can take beginning ballet classes, which will be held at Romulus High School from 6 to 7 p.m. each Thursday between September 20 and October 25.

Girls must wear ballet shoes and pink tights and leotards. Boys must wear black.

Cost is \$45 per child. Preregistration (by September 14) is required.

Taylor

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Daily Fees

(Note that a valid ID is required to receive resident rates.)

- Resident: \$4
- Nonresident: \$6

A daily visit includes use of the weight room, cardiovascular room, gymnasium, indoor track, dry sauna, and locker room showers.

Walk the track for only \$1.

Memberships

All memberships include use of the weight room, cardiovascular room, indoor track, gymnasium, dry sauna, and locker room showers, as well as a 30-minute, total-body workout. Yearly members receive a discount on court rentals, and have unlimited access to aerobics classes and open swimming at the three Taylor pool locations (Community Center, Northwest, and Kennedy).

Resident membership fees:

- one month: \$30
- three months: \$75
- six months: \$100
- one year: \$200
- one year (age 55+): \$130

Nonresident membership fees:

- one month: \$60
- three months: \$100
- six months: \$125
- one year: \$250
- on year (age 55+): \$200

Pool Passes

Yearly pool passes are available for three-month members at a discounted rate.

Pool passes are good during open swimming at any of the three Taylor pools (Community Center, Northwest and Kennedy) for one year from the date of purchase.

The regular yearly pool pass rate is \$70; the rate for 3-month members (and higher) is \$50.

Child Care

Child care (for children ages two to ten) is available for Recreation Center customers from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 5 p.m. to close Monday through Friday. Child care is free for the first hour and a half. Additional time is \$5 (up to one hour).

Courts

Racquetball, handball and paddleball fees are \$9 per hour before 5 p.m.; \$12 per hour after 5 p.m. The wallyball fee is \$4 per person per hour, with a minimum of four people per court.

The Community Center also offers a "Sunday Special" - half off all court rentals (excludes basketball).

Gymnasium Rental

The gymnasium rental fee is \$40 per hour. (Must be 18 or older to rent the gymnasium; a minimum 48-hour notice is required.)

Basketball

The Taylor Community Center offers "adult open," "open family," and "youth" basketball. Call for dates and times.

Yoga

Classes consist of a combination of physical exercise, breathing, and meditation to improve heart health, strength, flexibility, and endurance.

"Hatha yoga" is offered at beginner, continuing, and gentle (appropriate for people with arthritis, back or hip problems, or other conditions) levels; "yoga" classes include "de-stress/slow-flow yoga" and "after-school yoga."

Classes will meet beginning the week of September 10 according to the following schedule:

- beginning hatha: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- continuing hatha: Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- gentle hatha: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.
- de-stress/slow-flow: Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- after-school: Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The fee for each eight-week class is \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents. A \$6 drop-in rate is also available. "Gentle yoga" students age 55+ pay just \$30 (resident and nonresident).

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Recreation Programs

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Pilates

Pilates is designed to strengthen back and abdominal muscles, increase flexibility, and improve balance.

Classes will meet beginning the week of September 10 according to the following schedule:

- Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. or 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The fee for each eight-week class is \$40 for residents or \$45 for nonresidents. A \$6 drop-in rate is also available (if space permits).

Aerobics Classes

Aerobics exercise classes offered at the Taylor Recreation Center include:

- step (improves balance and coordination skills)
- step circuit (high-intensity step movements incorporating weights and tension bands)
- advanced step (high energy, calorie-burning movements using weights and, occasionally, multiple benches)
- low impact (low-intensity class using propulsion moves and light weights)
- cardio kickboxing (kicks and punches provide a complete workout)
- body sculpting (a combo class incorporating free weights, floor exercises, and basic aerobic moves)
- weight training (a low-intensity strengthening class using weights and tensions to sculpt and tone)
- boot camp (a high-intensity workout incorporating traditional boot-camp-style drills blended with cardio calisthenics)
- bosu ball (a cardio workout engaging secondary muscles to improve balance and muscle tone through a series of challenging exercises)
- fitball (incorporates cardio with weights to increase caloric burn and improve balance using the fitball as a base)

The per-week fees for each session of aerobics classes are \$20 for one, \$35 for two days, and \$50 for three days. A \$6 drop-in rate is also available.

Call the Taylor Recreation Center for class schedules and registration information.

Senior Easy Fitness

This fitness program, designed for senior citizens age 55+, focuses on basic warm-up, light walking, light resistance exercise, and slow stretching.

The eight-week session will meet each Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. and Friday at 10:45 a.m. beginning September 11.

Cost is \$5 per class.

Playground Fitness

"Playground fitness" is a parent/toddler participation program that focuses on children's coordination skills as well as their interaction with other children. Parents *must* participate in the class.

The eight-week program – open to parents with children ages 2 to 4 – will meet on Mondays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. beginning September 10. Cost is \$20 for residents; \$25 for nonresidents.

Fit Pregnancy Class

This class is designed to provide a safe fitness program for pregnant women. Exercise during pregnancy has been shown to enhance energy levels, self-esteem, and mood, as well as to reduce some of the discomforts associated with pregnancy. *Participants must provide a signed permission statement from their physician in order to participate.*

Cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for nonresidents. Call the Taylor Recreation Center for schedules.

Brownstown

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M–F 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Youth Dance

Dance returns to Brownstown! In cooperation with Dance Grosse Ile, Brownstown Recreation is once again offering a complete dance program for ages 3 and up. Taught by professional dance instructors, the program is tailored for both beginning and intermediate dancers in the disciplines of jazz, tap, ballet and Hawaiian, plus a special pre-dance program for ages 3 to 4.

The program will run from the first week in October through May. Students must attend the entire session to participate in the recital in late May.

Wednesday schedule:

- advanced ballet: 4 to 4:45 p.m.
- advanced tap: 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.
- advanced jazz/hip hop: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- pointe ballet: 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Friday schedule:

- pre-dance (ages 3 to 4): 4 to 4:30 p.m.
- K-ballet (4 to 5) 4:30 to 5 p.m.
- K-tap (4 to 5) 5 to 5:30 p.m.
- K-jazz/hip hop (4 to 5) 5:30 to 6 p.m.
- hula (4 to 5) 6 to 6:30 p.m.
- teen tap: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
- teen jazz/hip hop: 7:15 to 8 p.m.
- teen ballet: 8 to 8:45 p.m.
- teen Tahitian: 8:45 to 9:15 p.m.
- ballet (6 to 8): 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- tap (6 to 8): 5:15 to 6 p.m.
- jazz/hip hop (6 to 8): 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- Hawaiian (6 to 8): 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Saturday schedule:

- pre-dance (3 to 4): 10 to 10:30 a.m.
- ballet (9 to 11): 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- tap (9 to 11): 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- jazz/hip hop (9 to 11): 12 to 12:45 p.m.
- junior Tahitian (12 and up): 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.
- pre-dance (3 to 4): 1:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Cost for each program is \$216 (quarterly and monthly payment plans available) plus costume and shoes.

Registration and shoe-fitting will be held at the Community Center on September 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Getting Stronger (Adult)

This progressive class is designed to increase the strength of your muscles and the integrity of your bones, plus burn fat and leave you with an elevated metabolism for several hours after the workouts. Bring a mat and two sets of weights (light/heavy).

The 10-week program will be held at the Community Center on Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. starting September 24.

Cost is \$41 for residents; \$46 for nonresidents.

Cardio Pump (Adult)

No dance background is required for this fun, cardiovascular workout with or without the use of a step. All fitness levels are welcome.

The 10-week program will meet at Hunter School (21320 Roche) on Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. starting September 24. Equipment: mat, hand weights, and step (optional).

Cost is \$41 for residents; \$46 for nonresidents.

Glide System (Adult)

The glide system incorporates body sculpting, balance, flexibility, and cardio with smooth, fluid, graceful movements.

The 10-week program will meet at Hunter School (21320 Roche) on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. starting September 26. Equipment: hand weights and mat.

Cost is \$41 for residents; \$46 for nonresidents.

Body Ball (Adult)

This fun, challenging workout uses a soft body ball to develop core strength, balance, flexibility and cardio.

The 10-week program will meet at the Community Center on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. starting September 25. Equipment: mat (yoga or pilates type preferred), hand weights, and body ball (burst-resistant ball is *highly recommended*; participants should make sure that their ball is bought according to their height).

Pilates for Fitness (Adult)

Pilates classes feature cross-training routines with an intense abdominal, thigh, and muscle-lengthening workout.

The 10-week session, which starts September 24, will meet at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m.; Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.; and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Equipment: mat and free weights.

Cost for residents is \$41 for one class per week, \$61 for two, \$81 for three, or \$101 for four. Nonresidents add \$5.

The Mix (Adult)

This workout starts off with 30-minutes of cardio using various techniques of aerobic dance, kickboxing, and standing abs routines, followed by a 10-minute floor abs lab, and ending with a 10-minute stretching routine.

The 10-week session will be held at the Community Center on Saturdays from 8 to 9 a.m. starting September 29. Equipment: light weights and a mat.

Cost is \$41 for residents; \$46 for nonresidents.

Karate

Learn both Korean and Japanese karate in this comprehensive martial arts program for ages 4 to adult. Weapons work is featured at higher levels.

Classes – held at the Community Center – include:

- **Little Dragons** – The Little Dragons program teaches youngsters the skills needed for martial arts training at a later age. The program includes proper stretch, exercise, and games to promote balance, focus, teamwork and discipline as well as basic martial arts skills. Students have their own belt system based on class attendance and performance. Classes for boys and girls ages 4 to 6 meet Mondays from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$40 per month.
- **Basic Karate** – This program is a traditional martial arts program teaching self-defense through balance, focus, teamwork and discipline. Certified instructors teach and evaluate students using the traditional testing and belt system. Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for ages 7 to 12; and from 7 to 9 p.m. for ages 13 to adult. Cost is \$55 per month.
- **Modern Arnis** – This program features a Filipino style of martial arts known for its knife, stick, and sword work. The class, open to instructor-approved advanced-level adults, meets Wednesdays from 8 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. □

The Stork Arrived

Mya Marie Wooden

Proudly announcing the birth of their beautiful daughter, Mya Marie Wooden, are Daniel and Melinda (Nagy) Wooden of Virginia Beach, Virginia (formerly of New Boston, Michigan).

Mya was born in the Naval Medical Center (Portsmouth, VA) at 2:51 a.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007, weighing 7 pounds and measuring 20.75 in.

Daniel, a Petty Officer Third Class at Naval Air Base Oceana, is enjoying serving his country and being a new father. Melinda is a graduate of Huron High School (New Boston). □



Mya Marie Wooden

Wedding Bells

Jerome & Jennifer (Arold) Frayer

Congratulations to newlyweds Jerome and Jennifer (Arold) Frayer of Romulus, Michigan, who exchanged their vows at the Romulus Senior Center on March 24, 2007.

Standing up with Jerome were his best man, Jody Frayer, and his junior groomsmen, Jordan and Jeremy Frayer and Jackson and Cameron Arold.

Jennifer was attended by her maid of honor, Tracy Leininger.

A reception at the local VFW hall immediately followed the ceremony.

Jerome is the son of Lynnette Frayer (Warren, MI). Jennifer's parents are Terry and Gloria Holtschlag (Romulus). □



Jennifer and Jerome Frayer

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Obituaries

Dolores F. Nowlin

Dolores F. Nowlin of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, August 20, 2007, at the age of 77.

Dolores was born in Romulus on Tuesday, October 8, 1929. She enjoyed participating in events at the Romulus Senior Center and "trailer" to Four Mile Lake (near Dexter, MI) and White Lake, Michigan.

Dolores is survived by several cousins. Her mother, Helen M. Maciejewski-Ford, preceded her in passing.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 25, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father John Hedges acting as officiant. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Patricia J. Parrish

Patricia J. Parrish of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, August 24, 2007, at the age of 51.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry I. Parrish; 2 children, Jason Parrish (Romulus) and Julia Parrish (Pleasant Ridge, MI); 2 grandchildren, Jade Parrish and Lyric Sloan-Parrish; 3 siblings, Don Williams (Madison Heights, MI), Dean

Williams (Albuquerque, NM), and Trudi Bryan (Warren, MI); and her dear pets, Baby, Maggie, and Jake.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Sunday, September 9, at Taylor Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4422 (11590 Pine Street). Final arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Helen M. Wicker

Helen M. Wicker of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at the age of 74.

Helen was born in Inkster, Michigan, on October 10, 1933. She enjoyed flow-

ers, gardening, chatting, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving Helen are her husband, Daniel C. Wicker; a son, Daniel C. II (Frances) Wicker (Mt. Pleasant, TN); 2 daughters, Julie N. (Daniel) Yeakey (Grand Ledge, MI) and Christie L. (Frank) Kalandek (Dearborn, MI); 9 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and 2 brothers, Frank J. Niemczewski (Garden City, MI) and Chester T. Niemczewski (Dearborn).

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Frank T. and Mary C. (Peltz) Niemczewski.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, August 25, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (The Evangelical Church) officiating. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery (Wayne, MI).

Memorial tributes to breast cancer research or the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

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